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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Communication is submitted in connection with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") filed herewith in the above-identified patent application. This Communication addresses the issues raised in the Final Official Action mailed May 16, 2007 in this application. A response to the May 16, 2007 Final Office Action was originally due August 16, 2007. Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to extend the response deadline to November 16, 2007. Accordingly, the RCE and this Communication are being timely filed.

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